



Reference No. 6.12

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS : AUSTRALIA, SEPTEMBER 1974  
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

MAIN FEATURES

- Wage and salary earners in civilian employment (excluding agriculture and private domestic service) totalled 4,833,800 at the end of September 1974.
- This represents a fall of 6,800 employees during September (8,800 in seasonally adjusted terms). The number of civilian employees fell by 38,500 (25,700 seasonally adjusted) during the September quarter.
- Major decreases during September were in the following industries:

Building and construction	: 4,100
Clothing and knitted goods	: 2,200
Yarns, textiles etc.	: 1,400
Metal products	: 1,300
Finance and property	: 1,300
- Private employment fell by 9,800, while government employment increased by 3,000.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This preliminary statement will be followed in due course by the monthly bulletin *Employment and Unemployment* (Reference No. 6.4) which gives information in greater detail.

Reference period

2. Current data supplied by reporting enterprises or establishments generally refer to persons on the payroll for the last pay-period in each month.

Scope of Estimates

3. The series in this statement relate only to *wage and salary earners* not the total labour force. The statistics therefore exclude employers, self-employed persons and unpaid helpers. Also excluded, because of

the inadequacy of current data, are employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and some part-time employees. For the sake of brevity, wage and salary earners are referred to in the tables as 'employees'.

4. Persons who are on paid leave or who work during part of the pay-period and are unemployed or on strike during the rest of the period are generally counted as employed. Those not shown on employers' payrolls because they are on leave without pay, on strike or stood down for the entire period are excluded.

Method of estimation

5. The estimates are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the 1966 population census. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked to the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. Current returns are of three main types:

- payroll tax returns
- returns from government bodies
- other current employment returns (e.g. for hospitals).

6. Recorded employment obtained from these sources is estimated to account for about 90 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered. The balance (that is, unrecorded private employment) is estimated.

Government employment

7. Government employees comprise not only administrative employees but also all other employees of government bodies (Australian, State, local and semi-government) on services such as railways, road transport, banks, post office, air transport, education (including universities), broadcasting, radio and T.V., police, public works, factories and departmental hospitals and institutions.

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding. The figures shown are subject to revision.

TABLE 1. — CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

										Australia	
Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T. (a)	Original	Seasonally adjusted (b)	
MALES											
1973—August	1,118.7	840.4	418.1	278.4	229.7	90.2	21.0	44.8	3,041.4	3,051.4	
September	1,119.2	841.6	418.1	278.4	230.3	90.1	21.4	45.1	3,044.3	3,056.1	
1974—August	(c)1,133.4	(c)850.6	(c)430.6	287.0	236.8	91.9	23.0	47.9	(c)3,101.2	(c)3,111.4	
September	1,131.2	(c)848.4	432.0	286.6	237.3	91.4	23.3	47.7	(c)3,098.0	(c)3,110.1	
FEMALES											
1973—August	610.0	471.7	204.7	149.9	126.9	42.0	10.6	27.4	1,642.9	1,650.4	
September	615.0	475.7	206.1	151.0	128.5	42.1	10.8	27.5	1,656.7	1,661.4	
1974—August	r639.6	(c)494.9	(c)218.5	164.1	134.8	44.4	12.8	30.4	r(c)1,739.4	r(c)1,747.3	
September	638.4	491.7	219.3	163.4	135.5	44.2	12.9	30.4	1,735.8	1,740.6	
PERSONS											
1973—August	1,728.7	1,312.1	622.8	428.3	356.6	132.2	31.6	72.2	4,684.3	4,702.5	
September	1,734.2	1,317.3	624.2	429.4	358.8	132.2	32.2	72.6	4,701.0	4,717.4	
1974—August	r(c)1,773.0	(c)1,345.5	(c)649.1	451.1	371.6	136.3	35.8	78.3	r(c)4,840.6	r(c)4,859.4	
September	1,769.6	(c)1,340.1	651.3	450.0	372.8	135.6	36.2	78.1	(c)4,833.8	(c)4,850.6	

(a) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (b) For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators*, 1974 (Reference No. 1.10). (c) Affected by industrial disputes. r — revised.

TABLE 2. — TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT) AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

Month		Private	Government (a)				Civilian employees	Defence forces (c)	Total civilian employees and defence forces
			Australian	State (b)	Local (b)	Total (b)			
MALES									
1973—	August	2,189.3	263.2	488.1	100.9	852.1	3,041.4	69.9	3,111.3
	September	2,195.2	262.8	486.4	100.0	849.1	3,044.3	69.5	3,113.8
1974—	August	(d)2,230.5	271.3	(d)501.1	98.3	(d)870.7	(d)3,101.2	64.4	(d)3,165.6
	September	(d)2,226.4	271.3	502.2	98.1	871.6	(d)3,098.0	64.3	(d)3,162.3
FEMALES									
1973—	August	1,337.3	99.7	191.1	14.8	305.6	1,642.9	3.1	1,646.0
	September	1,350.8	99.6	191.3	15.0	305.9	1,656.7	3.1	1,659.8
1974—	August	r(d)1,404.4	108.9	210.7	15.4	335.0	r(d)1,739.4	3.0	r(d)1,742.4
	September	1,398.7	109.1	212.5	15.6	337.1	1,735.8	3.1	1,738.9
PERSONS									
1973—	August	3,526.6	362.9	679.1	115.7	1,157.7	4,684.3	73.0	4,757.3
	September	3,545.9	362.4	677.7	115.0	1,155.1	4,701.0	72.6	4,773.6
1974—	August	r(d)3,634.9	380.2	(d)711.7	113.7	(d)1,205.7	r(d)4,840.6	67.4	r(d)4,908.0
	September	(d)3,625.1	380.4	714.7	113.7	1,208.7	(d)4,833.8	67.4	(d)4,901.2

(a) Includes semi-government bodies. (b) Includes State and local government employees (4.8 thousand persons in June 1974) engaged in agriculture, or in private homes as employees of government emergency housekeeper services. (c) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas. (d) Affected by industrial disputes. r — revised.

(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
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Month	Forestry, fishing and trapping	Mining and quarrying	Extracting, refining, founding, etc. (a)	Metal products	Machinery and parts	Total founding, engineering, metal working (b)	Ships, vehicles, etc.	Yarns, Textiles, etc.	Clothing and knitted goods	Food, drink and tobacco	Total manufac- turing (b)	Electricity, gas, water and sanitary services	Building and construction
MALES													
1973 - August	14.1	70.0	89.4	103.1	101.7	344.7	177.7	28.6	17.0	145.6	1,034.5	108.9	363.7
September	13.7	70.1	88.6	102.8	101.8	343.6	177.7	28.4	17.0	146.0	1,034.4	108.8	362.4
1974 - August	13.9	72.9	90.7	103.4	106.3	352.6	177.5	25.6	16.4	(c)137.5	(c)1,033.0	110.5	368.7
September	13.6	73.3	90.3	102.4	105.8	350.5	177.5	24.9	16.1	143.2	1,032.9	110.3	(c)364.8
FEMALES													
1973 - August	0.7	4.7	8.4	25.5	18.7	84.7	25.0	22.7	71.4	54.9	368.8	8.6	19.9
September	0.7	4.7	8.6	25.8	19.0	85.9	25.5	22.8	71.9	55.0	372.9	8.5	20.0
1974 - August	1.0	5.1	10.0	26.4	21.0	92.1	27.8	19.6	69.6	(c)56.1	(c)378.5	8.8	21.0
September	1.0	5.1	9.9	26.1	21.0	91.0	27.3	18.9	67.7	56.6	372.8	8.9	20.8
PERSONS													
1973 - August	14.7	74.7	97.7	128.6	120.3	429.4	202.7	51.3	88.5	200.5	1,403.3	117.5	383.6
September	14.4	74.8	97.2	128.6	120.9	429.5	203.1	51.2	88.9	201.0	1,407.3	117.3	382.4
1974 - August	14.9	78.0	100.7	129.8	127.2	444.7	205.3	45.2	86.0	(c)193.6	(c)1,411.5	119.3	389.7
September	14.6	78.4	100.2	128.5	126.8	441.4	204.8	43.8	83.8	199.8	1,405.7	119.2	(c)385.6
Month	Road transport and storage	Total transport and storage (b)	Commun- ication	Finance and property	Retail trade	Total commerce (b)	Public authority activities, (n.e.i.)	Health, hospitals, etc.	Education	Total community and business services (b)	Hotels, personal service, etc.	Total amuse- ment, hotels, personal service, etc. (b)	Total all industry groups
MALES													
1973 - August	102.8	222.4	98.3	129.2	235.3	448.7	148.7	52.2	109.3	276.6	88.3	126.4	3,041.4
September	103.2	222.5	98.2	129.5	236.7	450.0	148.5	52.4	109.4	277.5	89.8	128.6	3,044.3
1974 - August	106.5	230.1	101.2	133.0	242.2	458.8	154.3	55.7	116.0	292.6	93.0	132.3	(c)3,101.2
September	106.3	230.4	101.2	132.1	241.8	458.0	154.6	56.0	116.6	293.7	93.3	132.9	(c)3,098.0
FEMALES													
1973 - August	13.6	29.6	29.1	99.1	269.9	359.3	73.1	221.1	148.8	469.4	158.1	180.9	1,642.9
September	13.6	29.7	29.2	99.2	273.0	363.5	73.2	221.6	149.0	470.8	161.3	184.2	1,656.7
1974 - August	14.7	31.6	30.9	107.7	284.6	379.8	81.8	r234.6	164.4	r502.6	166.7	190.7	r(c)1,739.4
September	14.7	31.6	31.0	107.2	285.3	379.9	82.4	235.1	165.6	503.3	167.4	192.0	1,735.8
PERSONS													
1973 - August	116.4	251.9	127.4	228.3	505.2	808.0	221.7	273.3	258.0	745.9	246.4	307.3	4,684.3
September	116.8	252.2	127.4	228.7	509.8	813.5	221.7	274.1	258.5	748.3	251.1	312.9	4,701.0
1974 - August	121.3	261.7	132.2	240.6	526.9	838.6	236.1	r290.3	280.4	r795.1	259.7	323.0	r(c)4,840.6
September	121.0	262.0	132.1	239.3	527.1	837.9	237.0	291.1	282.2	797.0	260.7	324.9	(c)4,833.8

(a) Includes manufacture of metal rods, bars, sheets, pipes, tubes and wire (except electric). (b) Includes industries not specified in the preceding columns. (c) Affected by industrial disputes. r - revised.

TABLE 4. — CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
(’000)

Month	Total civilian employees			Private/Government (persons)		Principal industries (persons)	
	Males	Females	Persons	Private	Government (a)	Manufacturing	Commerce
ORIGINAL							
1973 — August	3,041.4	1,642.9	4,684.3	3,526.6	1,157.7	1,403.3	808.0
September	3,044.3	1,656.7	4,701.0	3,545.9	1,155.1	1,407.3	813.5
October	3,048.6	1,674.1	4,722.7	3,568.3	1,154.4	1,413.3	825.0
November	3,075.5	1,701.5	4,777.0	3,618.5	1,158.5	1,429.8	845.1
December	3,091.5	1,703.9	4,795.4	3,631.1	1,164.3	1,428.1	857.9
1974 — January	3,087.7	1,687.0	4,774.7	3,612.4	1,162.3	1,424.8	838.6
February	3,097.4	1,717.8	4,815.2	3,635.9	1,179.3	1,433.4	839.1
March	3,109.1	1,735.7	4,844.8	3,658.8	1,186.0	1,438.8	844.0
April	3,109.6	1,742.2	4,851.8	3,662.2	1,189.6	1,439.0	844.6
May	3,118.1	1,750.4	4,868.5	3,676.1	1,192.4	1,440.8	848.0
June	3,119.7	1,752.6	4,872.3	3,675.9	1,196.4	1,437.7	847.1
July	(b)3,106.5	r(b)1,745.9	r(b)4,852.4	r(b)3,650.0	(b)1,202.4	(b)1,421.4	(b)840.8
August	(b)3,101.2	r(b)1,739.4	r(b)4,840.6	r(b)3,634.9	(b)1,205.7	(b)1,411.5	838.6
September	(b)3,098.0	1,735.8	(b)4,833.8	(b)3,625.1	1,208.7	1,405.7	837.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (c)							
1973 — August	3,051.4	1,650.4	4,702.5	3,542.1	1,160.2	1,409.5	815.1
September	3,056.1	1,661.4	4,717.4	3,557.4	1,160.2	1,411.4	818.2
October	3,060.7	1,674.1	4,735.6	3,573.9	1,161.8	1,414.6	826.5
November	3,072.5	1,690.4	4,763.1	3,599.6	1,163.7	1,421.7	835.0
December	3,080.2	1,696.8	4,772.2	3,614.0	1,163.4	1,429.5	836.7
1974 — January	3,087.6	1,700.5	4,788.6	3,618.7	1,172.9	1,426.7	838.7
February	3,088.5	1,716.1	4,804.2	3,630.5	1,174.6	1,428.3	842.5
March	3,098.6	1,727.5	4,827.6	3,646.1	1,177.0	1,429.5	846.8
April	3,103.5	1,738.4	4,843.3	3,658.1	1,181.1	1,437.6	847.0
May	r3,113.6	1,747.5	4,861.1	3,673.8	1,185.7	1,440.6	848.2
June	3,121.1	1,754.6	4,876.3	3,682.5	1,194.3	1,440.7	850.2
July	(b)3,115.3	r(b)1,752.8	r(b)4,867.8	r(b)3,665.0	(b)1,203.0	(b)1,427.9	(b)846.6
August	(b)3,111.4	r(b)1,747.3	r(b)4,859.4	r(b)3,650.9	(b)1,208.3	(b)1,417.8	845.9
September	(b)3,110.1	1,740.6	(b)4,850.6	(b)3,636.8	1,214.0	1,409.8	842.7

(a) See footnote (a) to Table 2. (b) Affected by industrial disputes. (c) See footnote (b) to Table 1. r — revised.

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